

East Central Region Governance Meeting

December 5, 2013

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Minutes

Location: Map Room – Platte Co. Courthouse (basement), 2610 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Chair: Bob Carey, *Polk County Sheriffs Office*

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Law** – the Open Meeting Law was noted as being available at this meeting.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present:** Butler, Colfax (via phone), Boone, Howard, Platte, Polk, Region 44 (Boone, Merrick, Nance)
 - a. **Not Present:** Saunders
- iii. **Approve November Governance Board Minutes** – Howard County motions to accept the November Governing Board Minutes and Region 44 seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- iv. **Public Health Report -**
 - a. **Exercises** - Laura discusses the upcoming table top exercise with hospitals including Butler County on January 6, 2014 which will roll into a full-scale exercise. The full-scale mass casualty exercise is planned in April 2014 and the York & Seward County hospitals will be playing as well.
 - b. **Whooping Cough** – outbreak has quieted down since this summer. Antibiotics need to be administered to all who have been exposed. Infants are most vulnerable, and even if you have been vaccinated antibiotics are still necessary.
 - c. **RROMERS – Exercises** - Jan reports for Ginger Baily
 - i. A Tabletop exercise that will lead to a functional exercise is planned for March 6, 2014 for the East Central Health Department area. This will likely be an evening meeting to get involvement of the EMT's . The full scale exercise is planned on Tuesday, June 17th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Hospitals will be able to follow up testing their hazmat response. The following counties Colfax, Platt, Boone and Nance.
 - ii. All MMRS Coordinators will be involved in a conference call on December 17th to discuss the interoperable communications between hospitals. Tim will assist in this effort.
 - d. **Red Cross** – The Red Cross is implementing a new process to contact the Red Cross as of January 1 via a paging system. Personnel will now answer each call and the calls will be dispatched locally from a central number. The number will be distributed to all fire departments and EM's. A local event will be handled by the local managers. This process has been instituted to eliminate events from falling through the cracks.
 - i. Red Cross is willing to release excess sheltering inventory (cots, blankets and pillows) that they have in excess. They are trying to access sites along the interstate and other critical areas to distribute the materials in critical areas for future events.. Platte Center is listed as one of these sites.
- v. **2013 HSG – Work Plan - Approved**

a. Status of projects

- i. Tim sent out a spread sheet with all information on the grants 2011 – 2013 including current balance and what is remaining on ongoing projects.
 - 1. Tower/electrical projects are laid out – almost done except 3-4 sites for towers yet to be finished.
 - 2. Generator - \$4086.00 is the quote for this project
 - 3. Tower rent to Country Partners near Albion has been paid
 - 4. Quote was received from TeleComm for \$12,000 Venders, which may be lowered somewhat.
 - 5. Heartland Mutual Aid Base Station – First quote is \$28K with another quote pending
 - 6. Data Cards – From July of 2013 to January 2014.

Tim plans to get all spent by the end of the year. The 2012 funds will continue to be used to pay rent at the Lincoln Airport for equipment storage. The Mutual Aid Consolette has been ordered for Polk County, and Dodge county quotes have been received with one pending.

The balance of \$8900 (\$15,123.00 was expended on the Active Shooter project) remains on the 2012 LETPP. Bob Shepard – no way this will work for SIMUNITIONS conversion kits. Bob suggests that Data Cards be purchased which amounts to \$45.00 monthly per card (\$12,000). Tim will move 2011 grant funds for Data Cards. Tim cancelled some of the unused Data cards from Dodge, Saunders, and Howard counties to conserve funds.

Saunders County tower estimate is 40K. Tim is hopeful that this can be covered in a different grant year. Conversion to MIFI is up to each EM to contact Abby to make the conversion. Texting on the data cards is not a supported activity and the region is charged per message.

vi. 2011 & 2012 HSG - Grants expire January 31, 2014

- a. **Consolette Installs** – ordered for Polk County

vii. Regional Projects

- a. NRIN

- i. Tower lease/agreement - Industrial Engineering – no leases have been signed yet,
 - 1. 2013 expenses (\$13, 140 for 1 year of tower rental) to Viero in Lindsay. The Madison and Humphrey towers have failed the structural analysis. A new configuration is going through other towers to complete the ring. The Howard tower has been approved. Tim is working on additional ways to make this happen including going to the state requesting funds to build a tower. There is no funding for this at this time. Working with another company that is building towers statewide is a possibility. No leases with Viero have been signed yet.
 - 2. A Colfax County Mutual Aid Consolette is still pending. The EHP will take longer due to the building being a historical building.
 - 3. Howard county Consolette quote was \$8K

viii. There may be some towers that would be rent free that the state is building.

- 1. Tower for Saunders County is still under consideration, however the cement work which is similar to costs for the tower, cannot be paid from the grant funds.
- 2. Mutual Aid Base Stations – Some conversations have been completed (and paperwork needs to be done – all have been paid for at this point and the vender has submitted the bill for Howard, Region 44 and Dodge.
- ii. Governance - still meeting to get things worked out and cost estimates for leases, rents, and electricity costs are being looked at.
- iii. System Build Out - southern part of the region has been approved – the build out will begin. The plan is supposed to be turning NRIN on in East Central this week. Tim will begin testing as well.
- iv. EC-911 – Todd reports on the Public Service Commission meeting. Joan Rafferty stated that PSC will most likely fund the EC 911 project regardless of the tenor of the discussion. The projection is that three years of service will be a profit cut off. PSC is

questioning the 7 years of the project. Todd will be calling on Joan to also send additional information for the project. Voting will be within a two week period.

- b. Functional Needs
 - i. No new news

- ix. **Update on NEMA and NPSCC Meetings**
 - a. **NEMA Update** No new information.

- x. **Regional Planning/Training**
 - a. Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report
 - b. THIRA - January 15th is scheduled for the meeting (later changed to January 16th) 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Michelle will send out the invitations. The
 - c. Jan reports that the FAC training for TRMMERS is being coordinated with the region.

- xi. **State Update-** tower issues are also being discussed in other regions.

- xii. **Public Comment** - None

- xiii. **Upcoming meetings**
 - a. **East Central Governance -January 2nd**
 - b. **FirstNet Conference December 18-19:** 2 from Colfax County are attending; Todd may attend. Tim and Bob are also attending.

Butler and Howard – Motion to adjourn: Butler makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard seconds; Motion passes.